

REMARKS

Claims 32-40 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

The above amendment to the specification clarifies that impregnated means “saturated” as per Webster’s New College Dictionary.

The liquid in the saturated towelette is effective in multiple ways. The liquid contacts and stimulates the fingers and face. The vapors contact and stimulate the nasal membranes. The combined effect provides advantageous relief from drowsiness not heretofore available. The combined effects permit lower concentrations of stimulant to be used in the composition which saturates the towelette. This is important for persons with higher sensitivity as the product can be marketed with different concentrations of stimulant.

Furman at column 6 lines 11-13 discloses tissues and toothpicks impregnated or coated with the active cooling compound. This is not a teaching or suggestion of the steps of applicant’s invention as recited in claims 41-43 and 46. Claim 41, for example, requires the step of contacting at least one of the face and neck skin of said individual with the towelette and exposing the towelette to the air so that an amount of said stimulating organic substance effective to decrease said drowsiness of said individual is transferred from said towelette to said at least one of the face and neck skin of said individual and evaporates to provide vapors which provide olfactory sensation.

Furman discloses impregnated towelettes, but not the “contacting” step as recited in claim 41. Contacting facial and/or neck skin with a towelette to provide skin and olfactory sensation is not disclosed by Furman. Claims 42, 43 and 46 recite similar steps that require this dual effect. The combined effect of both skin and olfactory stimulation provides a new method of decreasing the drowsiness of an individual and, as such, novelty in the present claims.

Claims 42, 43 and 46 recite specific composition limitations and Furman does not disclose using such compositions in a contacting step to provide the combined effect of both skin and olfactory stimulation as recited in these claims.

Claim 44 recites a container with a removable lid and saturated towelettes. Furman does not disclose saturated towelettes in combination with a container and lid as recited in claim 44. In Furman there is no recognition of the importance of a saturated towelette in a container as describe in applicant’s claim 44.

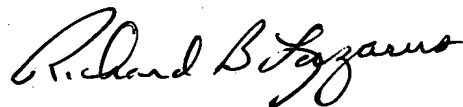
Claim 45 recites a method of manufacturing a saturated towelette in a container with a removable lid. Furman does not disclose the steps of providing a saturated towelette in combination with a container and lid as recited in claim 45.

Claims 47-50 further emphasize the importance of providing a towelette which will provide both skin and olfactory stimulation. The step of providing a saturated towelette packaged by itself (as recited in claims 47-50) will ensure that the requisite amount of stimulating substance is provided to provide the dual stimulating effect.

The examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss any issue(s) which prevent the application from being passed to issue or to discuss the differences between the claims and the prior art.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and that shortages in fees, if any, be charged, or any overpayment in fees credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435 (31735/70009).

Respectfully submitted,
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